

## KANSAS CITY, KAS.

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## WON FIRST VICTORY.

RECEIVER BRIDGES SCORES A POINT IN A LEGAL TILT.

ARE GETTING READY TO MOVE.

JOINTKEEPERS AND OTHER DISREPUTABLES ARE GREATLY ALARMED.

They Fear They May Be Sent to the Penitentiary if the Citizens Bank Comes a Law—A New Police and Detective Force—Other News.

Receiver Bridges has won first victory in his fight with the Dollar Savings bank in the suit growing out of the failure of the Citizens bank of Armourdale. The day before the bank failed it had on deposit with the Dollar Savings bank about \$20,000. The Dollar Savings bank owned 797 shares of the Citizens' bank stock out of a possible 1,000 shares. Kelly Brent was president of the Citizens bank and vice president and cashier of the Dollar Savings bank.

The day before the failure Mr. Brent, as an officer of the Dollar Savings bank, took the 797 shares of stock over to Armourdale and sold them to the Citizens' bank. He also took some securities along to make up the difference between the amount of the stock and the amount on deposit in his bank—\$20,000. When the bank went into the hands of the receiver the books showed that it owned almost all of its own stock. If the Dollar Savings bank at once began suit in the United States court to set aside the transaction on the ground that the bank could not purchase its own stock and for the further reason that when it was in a failing condition it had no right to give any creditor preference.

The attorneys for the Dollar Savings bank filed a demurrer to the petition, claiming that Receiver Bridges had no right to bring suit out of the state of Kansas and that Mr. Brent had a right to sell the stock. The case came up on the demurrer a few days ago and the court was ruled by Judge Phillips. The case will now be tried regularly and the attorneys think that it will be decided by April 1. Attorney J. B. Scroggs and George H. Watson represent the receiver and they feel confident that they will win the case. In the event that they do win the case, the liabilities of the bank amounted to \$80,000. The securities which Treasurer McLean took from the bank to secure the county from loss are still in the possession of Attorney C. F. Hutchings. He has collected about \$20,000 of the \$20,000.

## IN THE COURTS.

Damage Suits Filed and Arguments Heard in Other Cases.

James Williamson, the Metropolitan street railway conductor, who was arrested on December 6 in Kansas City, Mo., on the charge of kidnapping, has filed suit against the company for damages. At that time the company accused him of operating a "brother-in-law" and stealing property. He was held in the city jail, sworn out by the company in Justice Krueger's court and was kept in jail about ten days. Upon trial he was acquitted, but the suit which he filed yesterday in district court he sets forth the particulars of his arrest and his subsequent acquittal. He says that his reputation has been ruined by the company bringing such proceedings against him and he wants \$1,500 as damages. The suit was filed by Attorneys Dail & Bird.

August Wheeler, against Frank A. Gardner is the title of another damage suit filed in the same court. Wheeler says that Gardner broke into his home at 900 River view and carried away household goods to the amount of \$23. This he says occurred on December 20. Gardner is a chattel mortgage man and claims that he has a mortgage on the furniture and that he was entitled to its possession. Wheeler sued for the value of the goods, \$25 for their unrecovered value and \$2,000 as exemplary damages. Two foreclosure suits were also filed. The B. T. Whipple Loan and Trust Company sued G. A. Alcott to recover \$1,000 and Alpheus Williams filed suit against C. C. Pratt and others to recover \$1,000. The case of J. M. Mason against J. S. Stockton for the same amount of \$1,000 of land lying north of this city was argued yesterday before Judge Anderson, of the court of common pleas.

The hearing on the application for a junction filed by the Missouri Pacific company against the Union Terminal company was continued until January 15 by Judge Anderson.

## MORE POLICE PROTECTION.

A Charter Granted the Western Secret Service and Patrol Association.

A charter was yesterday granted to the Western Secret Service and Patrol Association, of this city. The capital stock of the association is \$25,000. The members of the board of directors are: Ex-Police Officer J. J. Burr, J. T. Flynn, A. R. Ford, E. G. Fink, and E. C. Strickland. This association will have its headquarters in one of the principal buildings on Minnesota avenue, and furnish the city with any number of secret service men as well as secret service men. A number of detectives have been secured and are now at work for the association. This movement has been on foot for several months, but it was not known by outside parties until the charter was granted yesterday. The enterprise is backed by some of the best business men in the city.

The need of more police protection in this city has long been felt by the entire community, and the success of the new detective agency is beyond a question of doubt. About fifty good, reliable men will be enlisted to start with, and the demand increases more men will be employed. A neat uniform will be selected, and each officer in the service will wear the colors of the association on his uniform. Secret work will be operated under the supervision of a well known detective, and will be run on a similar plan as the Pinkerton system. The association will have secret service men in every large city throughout the country. Office rooms will be at once fitted up, and the association will establish itself for active service.

## JAMES STREET PAVEMENT.

City Engineer Ellis Will Recommend Its Acceptance by the Council.

City Engineer Ellis will at the next meeting of the council recommend the acceptance of the new pavement on James street. The work has been examined and found to be all that was required by the plans and specifications. Mr. Ellis in answer to question as to the class of work and material stated that he had never seen as good a job of pavement done during the winter as this. The contractors used more cement in the concrete than the specifications called for and in a number of places the concrete is nearly twenty inches thick and will range from twelve to eighteen inches thick along the entire length of the pavement. The brick used stood a better test than any of the competitors and, in fact, were the only ones which came up to the requirements. The street is wide and level and is one of the main thoroughfares of this city. The property owners who have the improvement to pay for are all well satisfied and are justly proud of it.

THEIR REIGN NEARLY ENDED.

Proprietors of Joints and Other Disreputable Places Must Move.

The jointists are beginning to get alarmed over the police situation. They do not know what County Attorney-elect Miller may do after he takes charge of his office next Monday. The appointment of Attorney Bruno Hobbs, who is president of the Y. M. C. A., worries them. Already the oldest joint in the city has closed his doors, and it is said that a number of others will close their places today or to-morrow.

The one already closed up says he does not want to run the risk of being committed to jail, and as he has considerable money he thought the best thing to do would be to wait awhile. He said that if the others operated without being molested he might open up again. At the present time he prefers to remain closed.

The proprietors of the gambling houses and policy shops are also fearful they will have to go out of business. The new law which Representative Cubison has passed by the house does not suit the people who operate these places.

All of the gambling houses along the state line would be closed. The lottery companies will also pull up stakes and move away. They have already been ready to go to other sections of the country.

A FINE STRUCTURE.

The New Bridge at Turner Will Be Inspected To-day.

late, D. Kirkham, master of finance, W. P. Rottet, master of exchequer, G. S. Colby, keeper of records and seal, H. J. Homes, master-at-arms, John Greengard.

## METROPOLIS MISCELLANY.

The examination of Frank Nelson, charged with selling liquor without a government license, was continued yesterday by the United States Commissioner Perry until January 22.

Money to loan. W. A. SIMPSON.

The application for a writ of habeas corpus to release Robert Hill from jail, he heard this morning in the court of common pleas.

Wyandotte lodge, No. 3, A. F. and A. M., conferred the third degree on a candidate Thursday night at its rooms in Masonic block.

Mrs. Scammon, of Kansas City, Mo., delivered an illustrated lecture before the Federation of Clubs at Boylston hall, Thursday afternoon on the subject, "Christ in Art." There was a large audience present.

To rent—Two nice four room houses, one with seven room house, close to Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific offices.

James Butler was arrested in Armourdale, early yesterday morning, while trying to go to a woman named Ne.

The police station stated that the timepiece had been given to him by his sister-in-law, and she in turn said that young Butler, who was arrested in Armourdale on the charge of burglary, gave the watch to her. The matter is being investigated.

A small house at No. 200 North Third street caught fire yesterday afternoon. The department responded promptly and extinguished the flames before much loss was sustained.

Moral-insure with Meriam & Bentley, 511 Minnesota avenue.

The First Regiment band was summoned to go to Topeka, Kan., to take part in the inaugural services. It will have thirty-three members in full uniform. They will go on the Rock Island railroad.

Central lodge, No. 34, Degree of Honor, installed its new officers, January 10, at its lodge rooms in the Chamber of Commerce building, Riverview.

PERSONAL NEWS.

Hon. W. J. Buchanan is in Topeka.

Attorney A. E. Watson went to Olathe yesterday.

Mr. James P. Getty received a letter from his nephew, J. G. Broman, of New York city, announcing his appointment as secretary to Governor Morton, of that state.

Attorney Ed Brown will leave to-morrow for Texas and Mexico.

Mrs. Mollie Snow, of Independence, Mo., is the guest of friends on North Seventh street.

Mr. J. W. Flanders, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., is visiting his parents on Virginia avenue.

William Greese has gone to Topeka.

John Hartman has returned from Topeka with friends and relatives in Holden, Mo.

Miss Cora Shilling has gone to Leavenworth to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Lottie Wilson, of Emporia, is the guest of Miss Daisy Vickers, on Everett avenue.

ARMOURDALE.

Prompt Work by the Firemen Prevented the Destruction of Two Valuable Buildings Yesterday.

Two fires occurred in this city yesterday morning. The first alarm came in from the Armourdale foundry near the foot of Kansas avenue. The fire broke out in the store room and spread to the building.

The fire department saved the building. The loss will not exceed \$200. The department was next called to the building occupied by the Union Pacific Fuel Company, No. 65 Kansas avenue, where a defective flue had set fire to the roof and ceiling. The blaze had gained good headway and the workers were unable to stop it. It saved the establishment from total destruction. The loss is estimated at about \$500.

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A Boy Severely Injured.

Roy Murray, the fifteen-year-old son of James Murray, was run over yesterday afternoon by a dirt wagon on Kansas avenue. His right leg was badly crushed and he was badly bruised about the chest. Dr. C. G. Pinkard dressed the injuries. Amputation of the injured member is thought necessary.

Miscellaneous.

The Temperance Society held another meeting last evening at the Christian church. The petitions which have been circulated for signatures, to be sent to Governor-elect Morrill, were read and the total number of signatures made was 1,299 by to-night. The petitions will be sent to Major Morrill as soon as he takes his seat.

The various committees reported their work as of a successful nature.

George Patten is quite ill at his home in the West end.

Miss Cora Locke is seriously ill with malarial fever.

A masquerade ball will be given at the National Union hall on the night of February 11, under the auspices of the local National Union Council.

Miss Bessie Cruise, of Piper, Kas., is in the city, the guest of friends.

A spiritualist meeting will be held at the National Union hall Sunday afternoon. Mrs. L. A. McNeil will conduct the meeting and will speak upon "Spiritualism from a Bible Standpoint."

The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at the Central Presbyterian church will be conducted to-night by Grace M. Blackburn. Her subject will be "Soul Hunger and Soul Food."

How does the new tariff affect you? It makes no difference with the popularity and excellence of Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

## HAPPENINGS IN KANSAS.

Ottawa, Kas., Jan. 11.—(Special.) James P. Robinson, son of Jasper Robinson, the Pacific Express Company's agent, this point, has received the appointment as West Point cadet from this district. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of the Ottawa high school, where he stood at the head of his class.

Fort Scott, Kas., Jan. 11.—(Special.) In the United States court this morning the jury in the case of Daniel Harrington, formerly editor of the Burlington (Kas.) Courier, a Populist newspaper, who was charged with sending an obscene publication through the mails, returned a verdict of guilty as charged.

Ottawa, Kas., Jan. 11.—(Special.) The Y. M. C. A. night school, which was organized last fall, has met with such success that a large number of new classes have been organized. They comprise such branches as reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, language, geography and history. The Ladies' Auxiliary has also organized similar classes for girls and women, taking up besides, shorthand, bookkeeping and penmanship.

Independence, Kas., Jan. 11.—(Special.) The citizens of Montgomery county are indignant over the action of Governor Leavelle in pardoning Fred Schmidt, alias Julius Harris, who was serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, a few days ago. Schmidt was convicted of the murder of Hiram Paulsen, an old bachelor living six miles south of here. The board of pardons refused to recommend his release.

Fort Scott, Kas., Jan. 11.—(Special.) J. Greenburg and M. Berkson, proprietors of the Model clothing store of this city, which assigned some weeks ago, are now prisoners in the county jail. They were arrested at the time of their assignment upon complaint of the Kendall Boot and Shoe Company, of Kansas City, who charged them with obtaining the worth of goods for fraudulent purposes and, in so doing, had injured the company's business.

Judge West this afternoon issued an order to the sheriff instructing him to take the defendants into custody and hold them until the debt is settled.

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## WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE

NO MATERIAL CHANGE REPORTED IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Some Trade Centers Report Marked Improvement, While Others Are Not so Encouraging—Unfavorable Report of Railroad Earnings.

New York, Jan. 11.—Bradstreet's says: The second week of the new year brings few reports of an increasing volume of orders for seasonable goods. Weather conditions in the East have been unfavorable for the West and the reverse.

Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, New York and Philadelphia report relatively greater improvement, with increased orders for dry goods, clothing, rubbers, shoes, hardware and woolen goods. At some centers it is too early to judge of the outlook for trade. Travelers in many instances have not all gone out. Western furniture manufacturers are still waiting for orders. An influence on the hardware trade, and Western dealers in iron and steel expect increased orders by February 1.

Woolen mills, while fairly busy on first orders, are in the market for wool only to cover contracts.

Mercantile collections South and in the Central West are reported fairly satisfactory, compared with a year or more than for this date previously. Confidence of wholesale dealers in staple lines that the near future promises increased activity with an upward tendency in quotations, is pronounced in some cities.

The railroad earnings for the calendar year 1914 are the most unfavorable for many years. Earnings of 114 leading American lines, with 1,000 miles of road, amounted to \$185,000,000, or less than in 1913, in which year the gross earnings fell off 21 per cent from the total in 1912. From these were deducted 1,000 miles of road, leaving a net of \$185,000,000, or less than in 1913, in which year the gross earnings fell off 21 per cent from the total in 1912.

Every group of roads showed reduced earnings last year compared with 1913. The most favorable was that of the Southern lines, the decrease for which was only 2 per cent.

The best available date with respect to the wheat crop in 1914 and 1913, together with supplies in sight at various dates, quantities planted and exported and consumed by animals in 1914, are given in Bradstreet's report of stocks of wheat and other farm products.

Exports of wheat (four included as wheat, both coasts of the United States, during six business days ended January 10, 1914, amounted to 2,287,000 bushels, compared with 2,112,000 bushels last week, 2,400,000 bushels in the second week of January, 1913, 2,287,000 bushels in the second week of January, 1914, and 1,183,000 bushels in 1912. Supplies of available wheat in the United States, Canada and Europe, out of prospect, are estimated at 1,183,000 bushels, all exporting countries, together with those in Australia, furnish a total of 17,253,000 bushels on January 1, 1914, a decrease of 6,400 bushels compared with January 1, 1913, but an increase of 71,000 bushels compared with January 1, 1912, and of 28,700,000 bushels as compared with January 1, 1912.

## BANK CLEARINGS.

The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

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